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THE OTHER HALF

Rev. Lawrence Wilson has been do- g some investigating in that part Sacramento which is filled with meless and jobless men. He gives s conclusions in the following para- aphs which were clipped from "The oneer:"

Pastor's Personal Word

I have been living in the West End ring much of the past two weeks. didn't need any disguise—just old othes and a friendly smile. I found en of a quite different type from ose whom I met when, as a college udent, I used to go to jail and "flop uses" to find out how the other half red."

It is true, as one of our members id, that in order to know life there must go without eating for three ys and go down there without a nny in my pocket. Yes, more than at. I should not know where a penny ight come from. There should be place to which, in an emergency, could go.

Still, I did discover things that will terest us. Unemployed men today e much cleaner, more intelligent and ore self-respecting than they were enty years ago. It is pathetic to see w eager they are for a place to ash and to shave.

They talk intelligently about pres- nt-day problems. Many are espe- ally trained men. Many were farm- s whose farms were lost through bt. They do not want charity. All ey ask is a chance to earn their n living.

They are cynical. Seeing wealthy ople spending for pleasure an amount hich would keep them from hunger r many days they are becoming des- rate. Often I heard words like this: can use what they are squandering r no good at all. Before long I am ing out and take it away from em."

Some of them, who knew who I was, id this to me: "You preachers ould share with us. How can you ear good clothes and live comfort- ly while we are cold and hungry? that Christianity?"

What am I as a Christian to do? hould I wear ragged clothes and imp myself in order to give more rgely? Should I move down to the est End and live as they have to?

After careful thought, this is how appears to me—

If I were to do as they demanded I ill could not in all respects share eir life. Tolstoy could not. My best ntribution must be myself. I should end all that is necessary to be at y best. My only test in spending ust be, "Will it make my ministry ore efficient?" Anything beyond that ty to myself and my family I should ve. I have no right to any more an what is needed to make our es effective.

The Christian way is not to level wn, but to level up.

The union Thanksgiving service of e churches of San Mateo and Bur- ngame was held in the San Mateo heater. Rev. Charles L. Kloss pre- ded. The sermon was preached by ev. Harley H. Gill on the subject, A Changed Motive for Thanksgiv- g."

Where Is It? $244.10

This is all we lack to reach the goal of $8,200 for the 1930 Plan of Advance. Victory is just around the corner. Think of it! In a year of depression and retrenchment the people of our Conference have responded nobly to this extra appeal. But we must get the last cent of it, for one good friend of our cause has pledged $500 on condition that the whole $8,200 is raised.

LET US PUT IT OVER, NOW!

DR. FISHER RESIGNS

Rev. Miles B. Fisher, D.D., for some years associate pastor and director of religious education of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, and pastor of Congregational students at the University, has resigned to take effect on or before June 1. Dr. Fisher, who was formerly secretary for the Congregational Education Society, is widely known as a leader in all movements for religious education and young people's work, both in our Conference and in interdenominational programs,

Our Newest Church

On Sunday, December 7, at a special meeting of the Bay Association, the new Bethany Armenian Congregational Church of Oakland was recognized and received into fellowship. This church, which has been holding services for some months in the assembly hall of the First Congregational Church, begins with a charter membership of 52. The recognition sermon was preached by Rev. F. J. Van Horn,

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Rev. H. V. White Accepts Call

The Northern California Conference is soon to lose one of its leaders. Rev. Hugh Vernon White, for seven and a half years pastor at Stockton, has presented his resignation, to take effect in February. He is to become one of the Home Secretaries of the American Board. This is the first time in many years that one of our pastors has been selected for a National position.

Mr. White was a Sacramento boy. He graduated at the University of California and the Pacific School of Religion. He has done graduate work at Harvard and Stanford and is within striking distance of his Ph.D. degree. His early ministry was in the Disciples Church. He came to the Stockton church from the First Christian Church of Honolulu, and at once became an influence in his city and in the denominational affairs. He has served as Moderator of the Conference, and as member of the Board of Directors. During the Stockton pastorate the membership of the church was increased by 140 and a religious education building erected at a cost of $85,000, free from debt.

His work with the American Board will be to interpret the missionary effort to the churches of today, and to set forth new motives to supplant those which are passing away. He will be free from executive responsibilities so as to devote himself to writing and preaching.

COMING EVENTS

January 19-22—Midwinter Conference, First Congregational Church, Evanston, Ill.

June 25-July 2—National Council, Seattle, Wash.

CHRISTMAS FUND

The Christmas Fund of the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief is once more making its appeal in behalf of our aged and disabled ministers, their widows and families. For twenty-seven years this Christmas Fund has supplemented the regular grants that can be made from normal sources—apportionment, individual gifts and income from endowment. These regular grants are pathetically small, averaging only $329 to a minister and $258 to a widow. The Christmas Fund aims to place in the hands of the more than 800 pensioners of the National and State Boards of Relief a generous remembrance on Christmas day. Any portion of the Christmas Fund not distributed by Christmas is kept in a special emergency fund to relieve sickness and sudden distress through the year. Last year the Christmas Fund amounted to $75,420 and represented the gifts of more than 7,000 friends of our good aged ministers. They ranged all the way from $1,000 down. This year the demands upon the board are greater than ever. During the first ten months of 1930, 66 new grants were voted in comparison with 43 for the same period last year. Sons and daughters who have been the whole or partial support of their parents and themselves affected by the business depression and unable to bear the burden which they have been carrying. They turn to the Board of Relief for help, which cannot be denied without causing great privation.

Any contribution, large or small, may be sent directly to the Board of Ministerial Relief "Christmas Fund," 441 Lexington Avenue, New York City or forwarded through your church treasurer.

"As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

SONOMA ASSOCIATION

The fall meeting of the Sonoma Association was held at Santa Rosa on November 18. Rev. J. J. Jones, the pastor and the people of the local church were delightful hosts. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Petaluma gave an address on "Congregationalism Today and Tomorrow," some thoughts from which we hope to give our readers in a later issue. Rev. F. E. Boren preached the Association sermon, and Superintendent Gill conducted a round table on Personal Evangelism. Mrs. J. E. Enman was in charge of the Women's Hour, with Mrs. William Benbower, recently returned from India, as the speaker.

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION

The San Joaquin Association met at Tulare, November 12. Rev. M. G. Papazian, who has been engaged for a year in religious work among Armenians throughout Europe and the Near East, was welcomed back to the Association. Mrs. C. T. Tinker and Mrs. T. E. Borden from the Women's Federation, held a conference with the women. The closing address was given by Rev. Harley H. Gill on "A Workable Idea of God." Rev. Olaf Torvik and the ladies of the Tulare Church, were ideal hosts.

EAGER TO BRING OUR TREASURE

One thing that has become increasingly clear in recent times is that there is no essential distinction between missionary activity and the outreach of the local church in its own community. The motive of both is the same; the doctrine back of both is identical. The question today is whether the Church shall be evangelical. The Church in history has not always been evangelical; it is not evangelical in all its branches today. I have used the term "evangelical" rather than "evangelistic" because the former word signifies something more basic; it refers not to a method but to a basic attitude.

The evangelical Church is the Church that feels a responsibility for the world outside its own membership; the unevangelical Church is the one that considers itself responsible only for the welfare of its own membership. There are many churches of the latter type, churches that are in the community as a spiritually isolated group. There is no outreach to the individual; no eagerness to draw him into the fellowship that he may share the spiritual privileges and blessings of the Church. Sometimes there is even a coldness toward any newcomer unless upon other grounds he is a desirable addition to the congregation. The Church that is conscious of its spiritual treasure and prompted by genuine love of men to share it will be evangelical in its outreach to the immediate community.

Exactly the same thing may be said about the Church in its relation to the non-Christian world. If it is truly evangelical; if it consciously has a "good news" to tell it will be eager to tell that news. If it has the outreach of Christian love it will not be content unless it is doing something to bring its best treasure to the rest of the world.

Missions should not be thought of primarily in terms of budgets, of programs, of forms of activity, not even in terms of the devoted people who are doing the work; it should be an interest integral to the inner spiritual life of the worshiper in the pew, a natural and necessary expression of the Christian outreaching of his own life toward others. —*Hugh Vernon White.*

Park Church Council

After much discussion, the members of the Park Congregational Church of Berkeley decided some weeks ago to call an ecclesiastical council to consider the situation of the church and to give fraternal advice and counsel. The meeting was held on Thursday, December 2, with representatives from all churches which had been invited save one. Statements were made by the members of the church, by the superintendent of the Conference, by people who had known its history for many years, and by Rev. Earl W. Terry of the Pacific School of Religion, who had been secured to make a survey of the religious and racial characteristics of the neighborhood. After extended discussion and many questions, the council took unanimous action advising the members of the Park Church that the work in that field should be continued and that the state Conference Board of Directors should take steps toward a linking up of Park Church with the First Church on some partnership basis.

Rev. F. J. Van Horn was the Moderator and Rev. Walter B. Williams was the Scribe.

YEAR BOOK OF MISSIONS

The Year Book of Missions for 1931 has arrived. Order your copy now. Only 35c each.

W. C. T. U.

The Golden Jubilee Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of California was held during October in Petaluma. The place of meeting was particularly fitting, as the state union was organized in the Congregational Church at Petaluma in 1879. Incidentally the first local union was organized in the Congregational Church of Grass Valley in 1874.

TWO CORRECTIONS

The Pacific begs the pardon of two of our churches for errors in the columns of figures on apportionment receipts in the last issue. The Cloverdale Church has sent in a total of $294.50 so far this year instead of $67.00, and the Adin Church sent in $200 in 1929 instead of $560. Both of these churches have done splendidly in their missionary giving.

1931 HANDBOOK

Copies of the 1931 Handbook may be ordered either from the Commission on Evangelism or from the Conference office. In addition to figures of denominational growth, addresses of officials and organizations, and a list of largest churches and Sunday Schools, the Handbook contains daily Bible readings, brief comments for prayer meeting, Christian Endeavor topics and Sunday School lessons. It contains a remarkable amount of information concerning our denominational life. Price $4.00 per hundred.

PLYMOUTH PROGRAMS

During September and October, the Winslow and Standish clubs of young people at Plymouth Church Oakland held six addresses on the subject of prohibition which were as follows:

1. The Biological and Psychological Reactions to Alcohol.—Dr. John F. Pruett.
2. Prohibition from the Police Viewpoint.—Mr. W. A. Wiltberger.
3. Prohibition from the Legal Viewpoint.—Mr. Edgar R. Bonsall.
4. Why I do not Believe in Prohibition.—Mr. M. S. McKenna.
5. Is Prohibition all Wet?—Rev. Norman Pendleton.
6. Discussion, What We Think About Prohibition.—Mr. W. D. Barbee.

CHURCHES AND FOLKS

Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Sherman were officially welcomed to the First Congregational Church at Lodi at a reception given by the Women's Association and the Mother's Circle on Thursday evening, November 13. The entire church membership was invited. Deacon H. C. Wetmore presided and voiced the happiness of the church in the new pastoral relationship. Mr. Sherman responded by asking for the cooperation of every member and friend and extended an invitation to all members to visit the pastor's family at the parsonage. The pastors of the Christian and Methodist churches were present and gave a welcome to the new minister.

Three great metropolitan churches in San Francisco, First Congregational, Temple Methodist and Grace-Trinity Center United Church, united in a Thanksgiving Day service. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, one of the pastors of the United Church, preached on the subject, "Thanksgiving in a Time of Depression." He answered the queries, "With a Slump in Wall Street, a drought in the Middle West, and fruit rotting under the orchards of the Pacific slope, for what have we to be thankful?"

Through the effort of Mrs. Florence Hunter, a Sunday School is being conducted at Loleta, which is gaining in attendance and interest. A boy's Pioneer Club has been organized, which is helping the superintendent in her work for the Indians at Table Bluff. Through interested friends in Eureka a chapel for the Indians is planned and will probably be erected in the near future.

The annual meeting of the Eden Church at Hayward was held on November 6. All treasuries reported favorable balances and bills paid. The church will be able to take care of the full 20 per cent advance on benevolences and will attempt self-support in the coming year. A building committee was appointed to study the needs of the church with reference to its equipment.

Rev. John H. Hunter of South Pasadena has accepted the call of the Mayflower Church of Pacific Grove, to take up his duties at once. Born in Ireland, his first pastorate in this country was the Bethesda Congregational Church of Chicago. For the past 15 years he has been on the faculty of the Los Angeles Bible Institute. One of his daughters is soon to go as a missionary to the Kameroons in Africa, another is a student at Occidental College.

Rev. J. T. Munton, who is now in charge of the work in Calaveras County, preached thirteen times during the last month, and made 61 pastoral calls. In addition to serving the churches at Angel's Camp and Murphy, he is holding weekly meetings at Vallecito and at the Bret Harte Sanitarium. Every Wednesday at 11 o'clock he speaks through the local radio and all of the patients listen in. Thus even those who are confined to their beds have the joy and the encouragement which a short sermon, a reading of the scripture, an interesting travel talk and a prayer can gve.

Rev. J. E. Enman has resigned from the church at Sonoma to take effect December 31. During his pastorate the regular Congregational benevolences of the church have averaged 81 cents per member, more than of the Conference as a whole. Additions to the membership of the church have averaged 13 per cent, while the net gain of the church has been 12 per cent.

The Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco, which has been worshipping in a hall on Van Ness avenue, has voted to move to the Trinity Center building, beginning December 21. The church is not entering into the United Church as a member of the federation, but will have the facilities of the old Trinity Church. This will give room for the rapidly expanding young people's program. Rev. H. A. Kartozian is the pastor.

The Ocean View Church of San Francisco has completed the paying of a debt which has been crippling the church for many months, and is looking forward to real progress.

A mothers and daughters banquet was held recently at which 57 were present. Mrs. Herman F. Swartz spoke on "Mothers and Daughters of the World."

The North Church of Berkeley recently held an "Old New England Thanksgiving Service" at early candle lighting. By means of music, sermon and thank offering, the theme of Thanksgiving was carried throughout the service.

Rev. P. F. Royola, Filipino missionary at Salinas, reports a new Filipino Women's Aid Society which will help in raising money for evangelistic work in the valley and charity among needy Filipinos.

We Thank You

The Conference recently received a special contribution from the Northern California Indian Association, a part of which has been used to make the first payment on an automobile for the work of Miss Mary Coxhead at Fort Bidwell. This will enable her to do her parish work and also to take supplies and clothing to the Indians. She reports a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, consisting of stew, which required twenty-four hours in preparation but which the eighty Indians disposed of in twenty minutes! She is finding abundant use for the clothing and supplies that are reaching her from our churches.

The Government Superintendent for the Indians is cooperating and has asked two employees to assist Miss Coxhead among the women and children.

The Pilgrim Church of Oakland reports an average attendance at Sunday School for November of 166, in spite of one rainy Sunday with a very small attendance. Rev. C. H. Cleaver, the pastor, made 122 pastoral visits during the month. The church has three groups of boys doing splendid work.

The Hip Wo Chinese School, which is being jointly supported by the Presbyterian and Congregational denominations, reports an average attendance of 162 for the months of August, September and October, in the Chinese classes. There is also an English school with about thirty in attendance. At the present time more than 200 young people are under daily instruction. An elaborate Christmas program is being planned.

The work at Guerneville is progressing under the leadership of Rev. James W. Price. The average congregation for the month was 65. One can understand the reason for it in the 150 pastoral visits that were made.

OUR NEWEST CHURCH

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D. D. Rev. Vartan Amirkanian gave the charge to the church, Rev. H. Kartozian brought words of greeting, Rev. G. M. Manavian offered the prayer of recognition, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill extended the welcome of the Congregational fellowship. Members of the Armenian Church furnished musical numbers. The service closed with the congregation singing "How Firm a Foundation," both Armenian and English languages being used. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the pastor of the church.

TWENTY-TWO MILES OF SALOONS

Americans are notorious for having short memory in political matters. If a public servant can survive condemnation for a year, time wipes out the score against him, unless his party turns him down. Memory of conditions and causes is but little longer. This short memory has given us a reputation for vacillation and an utter lack of continuity and consistency in public policies. It is this national characteristic which constitutes the chief danger to prohibition today. The generation which knew the American saloon will never consent to its coming back. They know equally well that the volume of trade which was carried on by the saloon can never be brought back and legalized without restoring the sales end of it in some form. This picture of what the saloon was should be kept before the coming generation with an explanatory sub-title, "Lest we forget, lest we forget."

One of the most frequent assertions today is that the bootleg trade equals, or surpasses, the old legalized trade. Well, here is a headline from the "Champion of Fair Play" in 1900:

"Twenty-two Miles of Saloon Frontage in Chicago Today, every foot of which pays taxes to the city."

This, of course, did not include the breweries. At that time there were 6,341 licensed places and 2,071 known speakeasies. The latter were mostly vice resorts, fences and billiard halls, which paid graft instead of license. Bad as it may be under "Big Bill" Chicago has no such trade as that today.

We might multiply these, but we who remember the open saloon know that a law-abiding saloonkeeper was, like James Whitcomb Riley's "Squidgicum Squees" that swaller themselves, "there wasn't any such creature."—"The Christian Statesman."

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Rev. Sidney Buckham Resigns

To the Board of Directors of the Southern California Congregational Conference.

Dear Friends:

The opportunity to fulfill an ambition of several years has come to me in the form of an offer to devote a year to graduate study at Union Theological Seminary. This opportunity for me is concurrent with a break in the program of the Conference, brought to pass at this moment by the resignation of the Superintendent. It has been a privilege to serve as Educational Secretary under the administration of Dr. Kenngott for the past two years. But with the appointment of a new Superintendent it may be advisable for the Board of Directors to reconsider the needs of the Conference in the assembling of a new staff of employed workers. I therefore wish to tender my resignation at this time, to take effect on January 15th, 1931, thus permitting me to start the Spring semester at Union Theological Seminary on February 2.

This resignation is presented with the most cordial feeling toward the Southern California Congregational Conference, and with deep appreciation for the good-will and loyal support of the Board of Directors and the Education Committee in my work as Educational Secretary. For some time I have felt an increasing urge to enter the pastorate, and it is for this reason only that I am willing to voluntarily forego my present happy relationship with the Conference in order to pursue further studies preparatory for the pastorate.

If I am permitted to leave in January, I do not believe that the educational program of the Conference will be seriously hampered. It is in the hands of a very capable committee, as is the 1931 Young People's Conference. I will remain long enough to carry through the Annual Midwinter Convention for young people at San Diego on January 10 and 11. Following that event, I earnestly request you to release me from my duties with the Conference in order that I may carry out my plans for the future. Whatever the decision of the Board of Directors may be, please be assured that I am sincerely interested in the future welfare of the Conference, and truly grateful for the opportunities that my employment with you have afforded.

Cordially yours,

SIDNEY H. BUCKHAM,
Educational Secretary.

NEWS FROM CHINA

Miss Bertha Allen, representative of the First Church of Pasadena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Allen, writes from Foochow of the starting of the new term with thirty-eight girls in the kindergarten training school and with five kindergartens and eight Sunday schools to maintain in various parts of Foochow. The Sunday schools are to be called "Children's Worship," since technically a school must register with the government and have a standard curriculum.

Dengue fever is widely prevalent and the city is under military rule. No one is permitted to possess a flashlight, lest it be used for giving signals. The city is quiet, however, and all lines of work are proceeding without interruption.

Rev. A. B. Roberts, pastor of the Norwalk Congregational Church, has been elected president of the newly organized Ministerial Association of the Excelsior District, including pastors in Norwalk, Artesia and Bellflower.

A NEW YEAR MEDITATION—1931

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills—" said the Psalmist, and gazing upon their lofty peaks, he thought of God, it was but natural that he should. The mountain ranges of Palestine were a continual reminder of an immense barrier flung between him and his enemies. They stood as a symbol of Jehovah's protecting care of Israel. "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round his people from henceforth even forever." The mountains conveyed to the devout Hebrew a message—that God's strength and help in full measure were awaiting him in the hour of his need.

"I will lift up mine eyes—". In the San Joaquin Valley's intense heat, a mist hangs over its great area and almost hides the mountains, and this is true of the fog in the winter, the mountains may be seen in the dim distance, pushing up their huge bulk, blurred, indistinct, like some haunting specters of a dream. They are not much to inspire or to awaken in the mind a sense of nearness; but rather of remoteness and inaccessibility, and least of all, to impart the sense of God's nearness.

In the absence of the hills to inspire, where shall the soul look for that vision that impels it to believe in God, in love and all those strong and commanding attributes of the spirit so as to awaken in the soul a consciousness of the nearness of God?

"I will lift up mine eyes—". And see in the sweet fellowship of loved ones, in the sacrificial ministries of the home, in the constant supervision of a loving wife. In the dear and holy influences radiating the home with the atmosphere of Eden. I will see the love that never fails. "I will lift up mine eyes—". And see in the face of a loving wife or mother a reflex of the Love of the Eternal. A love that hovers over me to bless, to elevate and to ennoble. Yes, in the dear, human and transfigured face of love. I will see—God.

"I will lift up mine eyes—". And see in the sweet, artless happiness of childhood, faith in the goodness of life and acceptance of its joys. I will see in the angelic face of a little child, the lineaments of that character which Jesus saw, a charm of innocence, a beauty of trust, a frank and open mind, and a purity unsoiled by the world and which He proclaimed to be the spirit of those who would enter into His kingdom. Yes, in the holy presence of a little child. I will see—God.

"I will lift up mine eyes—". And see in the face of a friend, the glad smile that welcomes my approach. The friend whom I have taken into the inner courts of my life, where all veils are torn and we are heart to heart. The friend whose friendship is a bank on which I can never overdraw; who will multiple my joy and share my griefs; who will not toady to me in prosperity and in adversity will not desert me. That dear, close inward congeniality and union of mind and heart, which thrills and lifts up my soul, inspires as well as comforts. Yes, in the face of a friend. I will see—God.

"I will lift up mine eyes—". And see in the Church militant a quickening of her powers, a new girding of her loins in the aggressive propaganda of her message of peace and love. In the closer contacts for Christian fellowship and the ever deepening yearning for unity among all Christian peoples. Yes, I will see the growing influence of Him who prayed: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." Yes, in the onward sweep of the kingdom. I will see—God.

"I will lift up mine eyes—". And see in business, politics and international relations a deepening sense of brotherhood; the ethics of business being shot through with the spirit of Him who personified the Golden Rule, and whose teachings are changing and uplifting the concepts of the nations in their international relations and whose last legacy to the world was the gift of peace. Yes, I will lift up mine eyes and see in the working out of the Kellogg Pact, the World Court and the navy reductions recently confirmed by three great world powers, and the deep, passionate longing of the world for the outlawry of war; a new day of international understanding, of justice and of Christian comity among the nations. I will see in the dawn of 1931—a new day when the song of the nations shall not be a hymn of hate; but Tennyson's song of conquering love.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free;
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Yes, in the red dawn of the year 1931—I will lift up mine eyes and see—God.

Samuel C. Carson.

The Young People's Council and the Adult Committee on Young People's Work have decided that the 1931 summer conference is to be held at a mountain camp. The committee also decided to divide the Conference into two parts, one for high school students at the beginning of the summer, and the other for college students at the close of the vacation. This is a real advance in our young people's program. The dates of the Annual Midwinter Convention were set for January 11 and 12, at San Diego.

Dr. Luther Freeman in Berlin

When I speak German to these people they think they have never heard the language before!

I had a fine time at the Bournemouth Conference, although the plans of my party abbreviated my stay and cheated me of all the alluring plans for subsequent meetings in London.

We crossed to Antwerp and then went to La Hage, where we took two autos and motored to Amsterdam, Volkendam, Cologne, up the Rhine by steamship, motor again to Wiesbaden, Heidelberg, Rothenberg, Neuremberg, Munchen and Oberammergau, over one thousand miles, spending two glorious weeks, soaked in art and history and the weather was almost perfect. After the marvelous play we returned to Munich. After two weeks in Munich Mrs. Freeman, my cousin and I came on to Dresden. Last Monday I left them there and came to Berlin to join the Sherwood Eddy party for the Berlin program. On Saturday we go to Russia. I return to Berlin, go to Leipsic for a day or two and then to Dresden. Permanent European address, care American Express, Munich, Germany.

Miss Elizabeth Olmstead, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Julian Hanford Olmstead, minister of the Congregational Church at Perris, was united in marriage at noon of Thanksgiving Day at the home of the bride's parents to Mr. Reginald Wilford Julian. The bride is a librarian in the philosophy and religion department of the Los Angeles Public Library. The groom is in the employ of C. J. Rambo and Company, municipal accountants. They will be at home at 1085½ West 39th Place, Los Angeles.

PILGRIM PLACE NEWS

Due to the necessity of the situation Pilgrim Place is conducting with increasing vigor, its campaign for adequate endowment. The friends of ministerial relief are urged to give primary consideration to the claims of the institution at this time.

We desire primarily to obtain pledges to our endowment fund campaign. Subscriptions may be payable within two to five years, or terms to suit donor. We also urge you to give consideration to the making of a conditional gift. The Board offers the same rates on Annuities that are paid by the National Council and its subsidiary organizations. This is an especially effective way of assisting institutions of this kind, financially, and we will be most happy, not only to provide all details by mail, but to call in person and give complete data regarding this form of investment donation. We will also deeply appreciate being remembered in the wills and legacies of any friends who are interested in this kind of work.

Dr. George Albert Coe of Evanston, Illinois, the widely known leader in the field of Religious Education, will become a resident in Pilgrim Place, beginning in December.

On November 4 Miss Alice F. Stillson arrived to begin permanent residence in the Wheeler Duplex house. Miss Stillson was for ten years a missionary in the Zulu field in Africa with location at Inanda. During the winter her friend, Miss Fidelia Phelps, of the same mission, will arrive to share the apartment with Miss Stillson.

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We find this year quite a change in the personnel of the Institute Colon. Misses Barnard, Casteneda, Ramirez and Garcia are new elements from Colegio El Pacifico at Mazatlan; Miss Peppleton from the glorious state of Oregon, Miss Alvarez, who comes to us after an interesting experience in rural schools, and Mrs. Diaz, who has taken over the place of house mother and has a group of 33 attractive daughters. Due to these many changes the first months were devoted to "getting on" to things. Now we are under way, and with an enrollment of about 185 the Colon is found in a state of activity.

People we might serve:

There was the gentleman who begged to give us his two year old to have and to hold.

The woman who can not bear the presence of her daughter in the home longer.

The gentleman who asked for a reduction if he registered six children, and asked at the same time that we excuse the oldest who was not so bright. "Unfortunately," he explained, "the first child is never so intelligent as the others."

The poor who come for money, and a few who come for work.

There seems to be a great need that we pause, consider and determine what is to be our work in Mexico. Shall we develop a department for motherless two year olds? Concentrate on reforming girls? Or open an employment bureau? Perhaps in any one of these lines we might be able to offer a peculiar service. H. B.

The silhouettes of two church towers against a clear blue sky, a warning whistle of our train, the screech of brakes, and we were there. Could it be that the total population of Guadalajara had come to meet the train? After a long ride through a narrow street full of surprises, our taxi turned into a wide, paved thoroughfare lined with attractive homes and well-kept lawns. On this street was the Institute Colon, whose gates stood invitingly open, welcoming us home. What an attractive building it was, with its beautiful creeping vines covered with deep purple blossoms. The surroundings too were those which any child would be thankful for. There were swings, bars and tooters, as well as trees and goldfish ponds. If we had passed on through the spacious patio to the back garden, we would have seen a new swimming pool already destined to become exceedingly popular.

Catherine Peppleton.

DR. KENNGOTT RESIGNS

It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of Dr. George F. Kenngott as superintendent of the Conference and the Extension Society. The following is the resignation which Dr. Kenngott presented to the two Boards of Directors at their meeting on November 25:

November 20, 1930.

To the Board of Directors of the Southern California Congregational Conference and the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles.

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers:

I herewith present my resignation as superintendent of the Southern California Congregational Conference and as superintendent of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles, to take effect on December 1, or as soon as my successor is elected, if for any reason you do not care to have the resignation take effect immediately. I realize that it is customary to give at least two months notice, but the present immediate resignation is to leave you free to take such steps as you wish for the work of the Conference and the Extension Society, in which I am vitally interested.

I present this resignation sorrowfully after much deliberation and consultation with friends. I am led to this resignation in view of the following circumstances: I fell from an unguarded and unlighted church porch in National City in 1929 in the performance of my duties. That step into space and the falling on the hard ground still remains with me as a nightmare. While no bones were broken, I learned the meaning of the word "abrasions." I made a good and quick recovery from that untoward accident and in six weeks went about my usual duties, but I did not recover from the nervous shock and in March I had a nervous collapse, the result of high blood pressure caused by overwork and nervous exhaustion.

I had made up my mind to resign then in order to leave the Conference free to select at once a superintendent who could carry on the whole work in the office and in the field. I was dissuaded from that course by your own great kindness in giving me six months leave of absence on half salary. For your kindness then and always I am grateful. I have been much heartened in my illness by your fine courtesy and by the many and varied expressions of your good will. I am very rich in friends and I thank God for you all.

We spent four months in Honolulu, where I improved greatly, having complete rest and relaxation. Through the fine service of Dr. E. P. Ryland as executive secretary and because of the great interest in the work of the moderator of the Conference and the president of the Extension Society in my absence, I was free from worry and anxiety. We found September, however, with its Kona winds, its extreme humidity and high temperature, quite debilitating and so we arrived at home on November 7. Dr. George L. Cole, my good physician, called to see me in Honolulu in September and advised me to return to Los Angeles. Dr. Cole was on his way to Australia and will return to Los Angeles about December 1. Meanwhile, on my return to Los Angeles, November 7, I consulted his associate, Dr. J. T. M. Allan, who reported me in excellent condition with blood pressure of 150, pulse 76, heart and lungs excellent, and, as a friend of mine once said under similar conditions, "vittle" organs unimpaired. Both Dr. Cole and Dr. Allan said I was in much better condition than I had been for many years because of the rest and entire freedom from worry. I have lost about 40 pounds around the girth so I shall have to buy some new clothes. I hoped to be able to return to my service December 1, working gradually into full time and full strength. Broken nerves do not heal as rapidly as broken bones or as operations for appendicitis. Suggestions have been made to me by friends in the Conference of some part time service, at least for a while, believing that I could be of real value to the churches and ministers, even though I could not drive at the speed limit.

In spite of this gratifying suggestion it seems to me best to leave the Conference entirely free to make its plans and adopt its program for the future without any regard to me. If ever I can serve the Conference I assure you of my constant and great interest in it, and I would do nothing in any way to retard its progress. The greatest service I can now render it is to eliminate myself as its superintendent. I have given too much time, strength and money to the work of the churches to be a burden or a care. I wish I could have had two years more of active service to clean up some of the matters that are incomplete, but I presume my desk, if it were clean today, would be piled up tomorrow. I remember a great sermon by Phillips Brooks on the "Withheld Completions of Life." Therefore, my resignation is in your hands.

Some of you have asked me regarding myself and my plans. It is good to know that you are vitally interested in me. The impression which I want to leave behind with you concerning myself is of great gratitude to God and to you for the opportunity of service during these years and of courage for the future. I am sure that the Conference will undertake no defeatist program and for myself, when I am fully recovered I shall probably seek a pastorate somewhere or a position as a teacher, for I am greatly interested in education, or in some form of social service. Incidentally, I shall try to put my own house in order, for I have neglected my own affairs, and I shall require several weeks to clean up my papers at the office.

I shall hope to see you all in the not distant future. I thank you again, one and all, for your loyalty to the Conference and the Extension Society and your good will to me.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE F. KENNGOTT.

MEXICO

We are glad to be able to say a word to our friends, and especially the newly-made ones of Southern California. Although we have been in Guadalajara only two months, we feel that we are already well acquainted with the work of the church and the schools.

The work of the "Casa de Buena Voluntad" is making a very commendable contribution to the education of those who are not able to get instruction in the common branches during the day. I have never seen young people pay as strict attention nor come to classes with a greater desire to learn what has been so long denied them. I have a beginning class in mechanical drawing and another in second year English. I am especially interested in these night classes, since the instruction in the Colegio is similar to that of our day schools in the States. C. W. V.

The Institute Corona, though smaller than the other schools, is a happy family of teachers and pupils. Mrs. Williams is back on the job as director, and Miss Virginia Powell of Santa Ana, California, is the new American teacher. Outside of school hours they are finding time to make friendly contacts in Hermosillo homes.

Mexico

Economic conditions are bad all over Mexico. The drop in the price of silver has closed a large number of mines, throwing thousands of men out of work. Added to this came the generous drought of last summer causing untold loss to the corn and bean crops. The heavy rains finally came, but too late to benefit the summer crops, and in time to damage further the ones still to be harvested. It has rained every day for the past week, and we have scarcely seen the sun in five days — an unheard of thing for this time of year. This unusual weather gives us another bond with Southern California.

One is glad to note the public improvements that are going on in spite of these difficult conditions. In Hermosillo the old civil hospital has been transformed into a fine modern plant with a beautiful garden developed between it and the Instituto Corona much to the joy of the latter. Next to the military barracks, a large recreation park has been laid out, with baseball field, basketball and tennis courts, and a pavilion for social gatherings. The schools of the state, under an unusually progressive and able governor, are making steady progress, one-half of the state budget going for educational purposes. At Urea, the old capital of Sonora, a normal school for rural teachers has just been opened.

At Los Mochis about a hundred men, Mexicans and Americans, have contributed toward the establishment of a farm and industrial school for the community, and have already begun the construction of one of the buildings. At Mazatlan there is a thriving high school recently started under private auspices.

At Guadalajara a large stadium has just been completed, to be used for athletic events and festivals of various sorts. One the edge of the city a modern penitentiary is now nearing completion, to replace the massive structure of former days. Civic improvements in the smaller towns are often noticed, indicating, in spite of present hardships, a confidence in the future of the country.

The social center, "Casa de Buena Voluntad," at Guadalajara, started a year ago under the leadership of Miss Ramona Salasar, is now under the direction of Pastor Zambrano, who has things so well organized, and is getting so much cooperation from teachers and students from the Colegio Internacional and the Institute Colon that he feels that he has hardly anything to do himself. Over 200 young men and women are enrolled in the night classes. In addition to these there are lectures, social gatherings and basketball games. C. A. N.

The Colegio El Pacifico at Mazatlan is gradually getting moved to its new site. The boarding department under Mrs. Galvan's efficient management is occupying the former mission residences on the hill, while classes are still being held in the old rented quarters. Construction on the new building on its magnificent site above the sea will begin soon, and it will most likely be ready for occupancy by next fall. Miss Bonnie Korns of San Gabriel, California, is Miss Barnard's successor in the school.

Cupid is still busy around here. Mr. Edmundo Valdez Garcia, born in Cuba and a graduate of Vanderbilt University, joined the staff of the Colegio this fall where he has been exerting a fine influence. He and Miss Felicitas Salazar, graduate of Pomona College and also a teacher in the Colegio Internacional, have decided to join forces, and will be married on November 19.